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Word from the Director

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The fall semester is rapidly coming down to the climax — FINALS!! All of us who work the public service points in the Library have noticed a large increase in foot traffic throughout the Library, the UC, and in general on the west side of campus. In many ways, I wish the next proposed dorm would also be built on the west side of campus. Having Centennial Village open, the changes in the UC, more food options, and increased resources/programs really make a difference in the dynamics of campus usage and interaction between students, faculty, staff, resources, and programs.

Later in this issue, you will find a few informational “numbers” about the Library. I want to share these statistics with you to show that the ASU Library is a vital resource for research and access to information. You will note increases in visits, circulation, and especially in usage of online/electronic resources. If the first two months of FY 09 are any indication, I would expect to see even higher increases in usage for this academic year. You will also find two tables summarizing the item count by Library of Congress (LC) classification and collection and a table with title counts, also by LC classification.

Library and Information Technology staff members are still waiting for our first meeting with the design team for the Library remodeling project. This project will include the long-awaited creation of a Learning Commons on the Library’s First Floor. I hope to have more details to report in the spring issue of the *Newsletter*.

By the time you read this, the election season will mercifully be concluded and history will have been made, regardless of which party won the White House. Planning will soon be underway for the 2009 session of the Texas legislature. The Library maintains a gateway to activities of both the U.S. Congress and the Texas Legislature. From the “Government Documents and Maps” web pages [home page: <http://www.angelo.edu/services/library/govdocs/index.html>], you will be able to track key pieces of legislation, hearings, and the latest developments from Austin and Washington. Reiley Noe, Reference/Government Information Librarian, will send along periodic updates by e-mail as new features and information become available for access.

Please be aware that many of the Library staff members’ phone numbers changed recently as the Library moved over to the VOIP system. On page 11, you will find a listing of direct line access to various staff members and Library departments. Elsewhere in the *Newsletter*, we have information on a number of “new” resources, including our new Reference/Government Information Librarian, five new databases, new technology to help the blind and those with low vision read printed materials (SARA), the new exhibit at the West Texas Collection on Runnels County, and the new Excellence in West Texas History Fellowship Program. Finally, to prepare for the new administration in Washington, you will also find a list of “presidential” books you might choose from to read over the holidays.

Please have a safe and happy holiday season and we will see you in the spring in a “new” semester.

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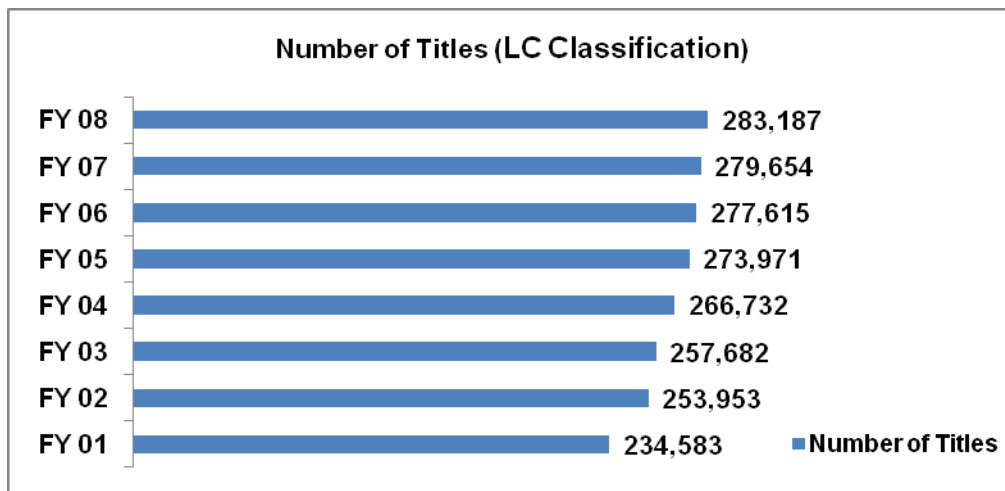
Library Numbers in Fiscal Year 2008

- Net gain of 5,373 items cataloged for the various collections.
- Circulation of items (books, government documents, reserves in all formats, etc.) from the Circulation Desk went up 4% over FY 07: 31,716 items circulated.
- Circulation of media items increased over FY 07 by 36.1%: 6,440 items circulated.
- Librarians/Professional Staff members taught 150 library instruction sessions with over 3,200 students attending or using the online tutorials in FY 08. This was an increase of 9.5% and 10% respectively over FY 07 totals.
- More than 155,500 individuals came to the Library and West Texas Collection in FY 08. That was an increase of 9.5% over FY 07 totals.
- Students, faculty, and staff conducted nearly 302,000 searches in the various database services provided by the Library through RamPort. That is an increase of 4.6% over FY 07 totals.
- Students, faculty, and staff downloaded, printed, e-mailed, viewed, etc. nearly 595,000 articles, documents, and citations in FY 08. That was an increase of 37.5% over FY 07 totals.

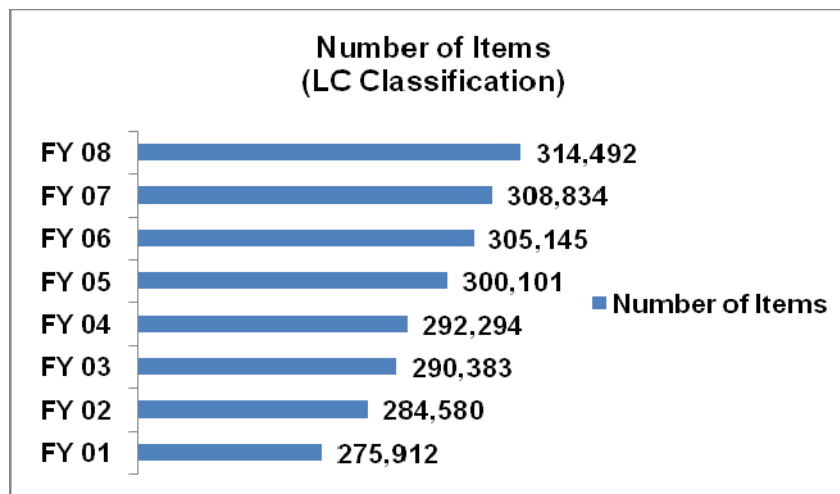
Number of Titles by LC Classification As of 9/1/2008 Summary Totals					
LC Class #	Count in FY 07	Count in FY 08	+/- Change	% Change	% of total holdings
A	719	734	15	2%	0%
B	16,783	16,915	132	1%	6%
C	2,477	2,522	45	2%	1%
D	16,181	16,450	269	2%	6%
E	14,620	14,903	283	2%	5%
F	13,851	14,195	344	2%	5%
G	9,993	10,166	173	2%	4%
H	37,516	37,786	270	1%	13%
J	7,340	7,397	57	1%	3%
K	4,137	4,225	88	2%	1%
L	8,885	9,136	251	3%	3%
M	7,421	7,544	123	2%	3%
N	8,360	8,392	32	0%	3%
P	80,478	81,143	665	1%	29%
Q	25,911	26,385	474	2%	9%
R	8,735	8,912	177	2%	3%
S	2,591	2,627	36	1%	1%
T	8,826	8,892	66	1%	3%
U	2,283	2,303	20	1%	1%
V	400	404	4	1%	0%
Z	2,147	2,156	9	0%	1%
Totals	279,654	283,187	3,533	1%	

Number of Items by LC Classification and Location As of 9/1/2008 Summary Totals										
LC#	Circ CD	Circ CR	PHL Stor	Juv	Micro	Ref Desk	Ref Rm	Stacks	WTC	Totals
A	1	1	380	7		14	711	608	329	2,051
B	5	2	243	159	301	2	505	14,440	297	15,954
C		4	47	22		1	667	1,504	1,382	3,627
D	3	5	386	220	47		807	15,868	504	17,840
E	2	6	570	353	178	1	774	13,161	2,571	17,616
F	2	4	146	206	373		250	8,368	8,854	18,203
G	5	43	115	250	1,769	5	507	6,609	849	10,152
H	13	74	471	153	867	18	2,350	31,944	1,158	37,048
J		7	349	23	6	7	610	7,324	192	8,518
K		12	1,318	13	41	2	2,945	3,243	261	7,835
L	1	36	329	28	288	24	368	7,535	2,927	11,536
M	3	39	67	75	4		373	8,637	39	9,237
N	4	9	140	80	6		284	8,152	153	8,828
P	29	41	1,751	6,841	18	18	4,213	73,648	2,644	89,203
Q	68	270	3,442	568	786	1	995	23,624	1,717	31,471
R	19	65	73	52	552	1	301	6,283	69	7,415
S	2	3	148	74	3		119	1,793	774	2,916
T	20	111	124	186	13	1	352	6,547	900	8,254
U		1	46	11	19		59	2,009	158	2,303
V			15	12	1		7	341	22	398
Z	2	10	1,530	16	1	22	866	1,411	229	4,087
TOTALS	179	743	11,690	9,349	5,273	117	18,063	243,049	26,029	314,492

[Note: The title counts and item counts in the table above, and the ones below, do not include titles and items in the Media Collection, the Texas Documents Collection, the United States Documents Collection, or the bulk of the Maps Collection. These collections use non-LC classification schemes to organize their material.]



Number of Items (LC Classification), by Location FY 2001 to FY 2008										
FY	Circ CD	Circ CR	PHL Stor	Juv	Micro.	Ref Desk	Ref Rm	Stacks	WTC	Totals
FY 01	77	239	1,063	6,104	3,714	125	18,184	229,333	17,073	275,912
FY 02	500	90	1,414	6,592	3,955	141	18,893	233,513	19,482	284,580
FY 03	138	560	1,742	6,926	4,107	176	18,678	237,942	20,114	290,383
FY 04	201	472	5,867	7,615	4,348	112	16,988	235,803	20,888	292,294
FY 05	140	604	7,612	8,032	4,624	114	18,144	238,357	22,474	300,101
FY 06	163	636	8,450	8,475	4,874	118	18,434	240,242	23,753	305,145
FY 07	170	692	9,134	8,959	5,158	116	18,871	240,778	24,956	308,834
FY 08	179	743	11,690	9,349	5,273	117	18,063	243,049	26,029	314,492



From Kentucky and Pennsylvania to Texas: ASU's New Reference/Government Information Librarian by Reiley Noe

In August, my wife, my son and I packed up our belongings and moved to San Angelo because I had been hired as the new Reference/Government Information Librarian for the Porter Henderson Library. I have succeeded Janetta Paschal, who has been promoted to the Head of Library Technical Services for the Library.

Before coming to ASU, I worked for 8 years with ProQuest Co., which creates databases used by libraries. At ProQuest, I indexed and wrote abstracts for journals and magazines for two different databases. One database was devoted primarily to business, economics, information technology, and engineering material, while the other covered articles from a wide variety of subjects from Canadian magazines, and academic and trade journals.

Prior to my job at ProQuest, I worked at various newspapers in Louisville, KY, and Philadelphia, PA. I have a B.A. in History from the University of Louisville and a M.S. in Library Science from the University of Kentucky.

What I like about my new position is that it allows me to work with three interesting areas of librarianship — reference, government documents, and instruction.

I enjoy reference work because I can continue to learn about a wide range of different subjects every day by helping patrons uncover the information they need.

Government documents intrigue me because government information covers such a wide range of subjects and has a tangible impact on our daily lives. You can find government information covering everything from predicting the weather to helping people prevent diseases, through public health to improving our economy, through research to help small businesspeople to ensuring that the products we use and the food we buy are safe.

College students have access to more material in college and their assignments are more sophisticated than they were in high school, and they need to know how to use the research tools available through the Library. I plan to help students learn more about how to navigate the Porter Henderson Library by creating tutorials and subject guides as well as teaching library skills classes.

If you have any questions about government information or would like to discuss a particular subject or topic for a tutorial or guide, contact me by phone at 942-2512 or 486-6527, or e-mail at reiley.noe@angelo.edu. I look forward to working with you.

“...with so much choice in what to read, more authors are choosing whatever they can get quickly online ... University scientists in 1977 reported reading on average 150 articles per year; by 2005 that had increased to more than 280. Most of this increase can be attributed to library-provided electronic journal articles.”

— Carol Tenopir, “Online Databases: Are E-Journals Good for Science?”
Library Journal, “Databases” column (Nov. 11, 2008),
(<http://www.libraryjournal.com/article/CA6606485.html>)

“Online journals promise to serve more information to more dispersed audiences and are more efficiently searched and recalled. But because they are used differently than print—scientists and scholars tend to search electronically and follow hyperlinks rather than browse or peruse—electronically available journals may portend an ironic change for science ... The forced browsing of print archives may have stretched scientists and scholars to anchor findings deeply into past and present scholarship. Searching online is more efficient and following hyperlinks quickly puts researchers in touch with prevailing opinion, but this may accelerate consensus and narrow the range of findings and ideas built upon.”

— Evans, James A. (2008, July 18). “Electronic Publication and the Narrowing of Science and Scholarship” [Abstract] *Science*, 321(5887).
Retrieved Nov. 19, 2008, from the *Science* web site:
<http://www.sciencemag.org/cgi/content/abstract/321/5887/395>

Biographies, Careers, Countries, National Security, and Literary Criticism: New Online Resources for 2008/2009

As mentioned in the September *Library Newsletter*, the Library has been able to acquire access to four new online resources which are applicable to the University's curriculum: *American National Biography Online*, *Ferguson's Career Guidance Center*, *Global Road Warrior*, and the *Homeland Security Digital Library*. Over the summer we also were able to acquire access to *Literature Criticism Online*.

American National Biography Online

American National Biography Online offers portraits of more than 17,400 individuals whose lives have shaped the nation. As such, it is applicable to students looking for biographical information throughout the University's curriculum. This resource is easily searched by name or by the indicated occupations or special collections.

The original twenty-four-volume print *American National Biography* set was published in 1999; this online resource contains all the entries from that set, revised for accuracy, as well as hundreds of additional new entries added semi-annually. It is published by Oxford University Press under the auspices of the American Council of Learned Societies.

In addition to the articles, each of which contains a descriptive bibliography for further research, *American National Biography* also contains articles related to twelve research topics, including Arts in America, the Civil Rights Movement, Frontier and Western Expansion, and Women's History.

Ferguson's Career Guidance Center

This online resource replaces the content of the print title *Encyclopedia of Careers and Vocational Guidance* in providing detailed and up-to date descriptions of more than 2,050 of the most popular jobs in 94 industries. However, the online resource does so much more!

Streaming videos are available for many topics, as well as print material. Click on the icon for "Jobs" and you can view information regarding these careers divided by topic, or check out "Career Opportunity News," currently featuring an article regarding the best companies to work for. Or choose the "Skills" section, and find information on a variety of job-hunting skills covering subjects such as Cover Letter and Résumé samples, interviewing, organization skills, problem solving, and teamwork skills. Professional edge guidance is also available, such as dressing for success, first impressions, and social graces. Select the "Resources" icon and obtain information on a variety of different topics, such as internships and scholarships for women and minorities, and financial-aid by major.

Global Road Warrior

Also featured in the April 2008 newsletter, this resource contains a plethora of information, with a business emphasis, pertaining to 175 countries across the globe. Searching is easy—choose the country of interest from the drop down menu, and then choose from the topic and subtopic (if available) from the list in the left margin. Sample topics include Society and Culture, Business Culture, and Travel Essentials while representative subtopics from these subjects include Greetings and Courtesies, Women in Business, Decision Making, Business Attire, and Immunization information.

Homeland Security Digital Library (HSDL)

This gateway provides access to a wide range of full text, authoritative resources on the subject of homeland security, collected from a wide range of sources. These sources include federal, state, tribal, and local government agencies, professional organizations, think tanks, academic institutions, and international governing bodies. The resources included are carefully selected and evaluated by a team of librarians and subject-matter specialists.

Finding information in the HSDL can be accomplished by searching in either the default or advanced mode, selecting the General Collection and choosing a document of interest, or clicking one of the "Highlights" topics and locating an item.

The Library is able to provide access to the HSDL because of our status as a federal depository library. The resource is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's National Preparedness Directorate, FEMA and the Naval Postgraduate School Center for Homeland Defense and Security.

Literature Criticism Online

The set of databases in *Literature Criticism Online* replaces many of the Gale print literature criticism titles that the Library currently owns, including and adding coverage of the classical and medieval periods, Shakespearean, and nineteenth and twentieth century literature. It is important to note that this research tool complements the Gale *Literature Resource Center* database, which provides access to other Gale print sets that

the Library used to subscribe to, including the *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, *Contemporary Literary Criticism - Select*, and *Contemporary Authors*. The addition of *Literature Criticism Online* not only provides online access and searching of full text content from outside the Library but also frees up a significant amount of library space for the planned Learning Commons.

Literature Criticism Online reproduces published critical essays on authors or literary topics from many different genres and nationalities. Essays include a discussion of issues and themes, a survey of critical response to each author's work or each topic in literary history, and selections from previously published criticism. The resource is easily searched by keyword, or tabs at the top of the screen allow one to locate information on criticism regarding a particular author or literary piece.

Meet SARA

Freedom Scientific's Scanning and Reading Appliance (SARA) is a stand-alone device designed to help the blind and those with low vision read printed materials. SARA can read almost anything, including mail, important documents, hardcover and paperback books, and much more, but not handwritten or hand-printed material.



SARA uses the latest in optical character recognition technology to scan pages and then reads the contents of that page to the user with clear, crisp, human-sounding synthesized speech. SARA features 36 male and female voices, and supports scanning and reading in 19 language dialects and 12 major languages, including U.S. English, British English, Australian English, Continental French, Canadian French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian, and Spanish.

To start using SARA, simply place the book or document on the scanning area, and press the scan button. Navigation keys are large, colorful, and have tactile symbols, making them easy to find. SARA automatically scans and recognizes the text and reads it to you. During the reading, the user can adjust the voice rate and volume as well as fast forward and rewind. If a user wants to take time to examine a document in detail, he or she can simply pause the reading, and use the intuitive navigational keys to read a word or a line at a time. On demand, SARA will even spell out words to give the user a better understanding of what is being spoken.



SARA features a built-in CD drive for playing audio books saved on disk, or to save documents and books to CD, a built-in microphone, front-mounted stereo speakers and an audio jack for stereo headphones. SARA plays the audio elements of DAISY formatted Digital Talking Books and comes with a starter library of over 100 popular classic titles in the public domain. It is capable of reading files in TXT, RTF, DOC, PDF, and HTML format. The Porter Henderson Library's SARA is attached to a 22-inch LCD monitor so that low vision patrons can easily use the equipment to display the

output from SARA in large easy-to-read text. The print type, color, text size and spacing can be changed to easily fit the user's preferences.

Excellence in West Texas History Fellowship Program

The West Texas Collection at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, is proud to announce the Excellence in West Texas History Fellowship Program.

Applications are now being accepted for two fellowships of \$40,000 each to be awarded in April, 2009. The Fellowships are for a full academic year. In addition, a \$5,000 publishing subvention will be provided to an academic press for each completed manuscript accepted for publication.

Research must focus on the western half of Texas and utilize regional archives. Applicants must have completed a Ph.D or be ABD in a field of the humanities. Fellows will be expected to spend the 2009-2010 academic year utilizing the regional archives in West Texas.

Applicants should send the following information:

- Curriculum vita,
- Description of the research topic,
- A sample chapter or extract of previous work, and
- Three letters of reference from individuals who can attest to the importance of the work proposed and to the ability of the individual to fulfill the stated goal.

Send applications to: Excellence in West Texas History, ASU Station #11043, San Angelo, Texas 76909.

Applications must be received by February 27, 2009. For more information contact Suzanne Campbell, West Texas Collection, 1910 Rosemont, San Angelo, Texas 76909, (325) 942-2164, or Suzanne.Campbell@angelo.edu.

Runnels County Exhibit at the West Texas Collection

The West Texas Collection currently has on display an exhibit on the history of Runnels County. This is the 150th anniversary of the forming of the county. Included in the display are communities that no longer exist, such as Runnels City, the first county seat; the history of Ballinger, the current county seat; a listing and map of over 70 schools that once existed in Runnels County; information on small communities such as Hatchel, Norton, Miles, Olfen, Rowena, and Winters. The display will remain up through the fall semester. In January the new display will be "Early Day San Angelo."



Visitors enjoy the Runnels County exhibit at the West Texas Collection.



"Blast from the Past": Homecoming 2008 Door Decorating Awards

The Library's Homecoming Door Entry won first place in this year's Homecoming door decorating contest. Kim Schow, student assistant in the Circulation unit, designed the decorations. The following individuals, also from Circulation, assisted her in one way or another: Shandi McWright, Samantha Little, Amanda Putman, Ben Ellery, James Ray, Noel Pena, Roselee Wilson, and Lindsey Mahaffey.

The West Texas Collection's entry into the competition scored third place. Ashley Wallace, Jessica LaMirand, Kerry Buchanan, and Micah McDowell worked on the WTC door.

Congratulations on your award-winning efforts.



The Library's prize-winning homecoming door entry (left).



The West Texas Collection's homecoming door (right).

Preparing for a New Administration: "Presidential" Books to Read over the Holidays

President-elect Barack Obama has stated in several recent interviews that he has been reading books on the first 100 days of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt. He also quotes from the books he reads and from the speeches and writings of another American president who served during a time of national crisis, Abraham Lincoln.

Adam Cohen, author of the soon-to-be-released *Nothing to Fear: FDR's Inner Circle and the Hundred Days That Created Modern America*, said he was heartened by Mr. Obama's interest in history. "When people write history, they do not think that it will have any impact on world events," Mr. Cohen said. "So the idea that we now have a president-elect who is reading multiple books of history and is reading them to shape how he will approach his presidency, I think is inspiring to historians everywhere and augurs well for his presidency. If those who forget history are condemned to repeat it, President Obama seems to really be trying to learn the lessons of history and any historian, whether he reads their book or not, should be very pleased by that."¹

The following list of books from the Porter Henderson Library is a very small selection of items available in the Second Floor Stacks on these two United States presidents. You may want to read some of these, or others, over the holidays.

Alsop, Joseph. (1982). *FDR, 1882-1945: a centenary remembrance*. New York: Viking Press. (E807 .A783 1982)

Alter, Jonathan. (2006). *The defining moment: FDR's hundred days and the triumph of hope*. New York: Simon & Schuster. (E807 .A784 2006)

Best, Gary Dean. (1991). *Pride, prejudice, and politics: Roosevelt versus recovery, 1933-1938*. New York: Praeger. (E806 .B494 1991)

Black, Conrad. (2003). *Franklin Delano Roosevelt: champion of freedom*. New York: Public Affairs. (E807 .B58 2003)

Carwardine, Richard. (2006). *Lincoln: a life of purpose and power*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. (E457 .C43 2006)

Dallek, Robert. (1979). *Franklin D. Roosevelt and American foreign policy, 1932-1945*. New York: Oxford University Press. (E806 .D33)

Davis, Kenneth S. (1995). *FDR, the New Deal years, 1933-1937: a history*. New York: Random House. (E807 .D363 1995)

Donald, David Herbert. (1995). *Lincoln*. New York: Simon & Schuster. (E457 .D66 1995)

Freidel, Frank Burt. (1990). *Franklin D. Roosevelt: a rendezvous with destiny*. Boston: Little Brown. (E807 .F75 1990)

Gienapp, William E. (2002). *Abraham Lincoln and Civil War America: a biography*. New York: Oxford University Press. (E457 .G46 2002)

Goodwin, Doris Kearns. (2005). *Team of rivals: the political genius of Abraham Lincoln*. New York: Simon & Schuster. (E457 .45 .G66 2005)

Hamby, Alonzo L. (2004). *For the survival of democracy: Franklin Roosevelt and the world crisis of the 1930s*. New York: Free Press. (E806 .H293 2004)

Harris, William C. (2004). *Lincoln's last months*. Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press. (E457 .45 .H37 2004)

Keneally, Thomas. (2003). *Abraham Lincoln*. New York: Lipper/Viking. (E457 .K423 2003)

Kimball, Warren F. (1991). *The juggler: Franklin Roosevelt as wartime statesman*. Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press. (E807 .K48 1991)

Leuchtenburg, William Edward. (1995). *The FDR years: on Roosevelt and his legacy*. New York: Columbia University Press. (E806 .L474 1995)

The Lincoln enigma: the changing faces of an American icon. (2002). New York: Oxford University Press. (E457 .8 .L737 2002)

Lind, Michael. (2005). *What Lincoln believed: the values and convictions of America's greatest president*. New York: Doubleday. (E457 .2 .L844 2005)

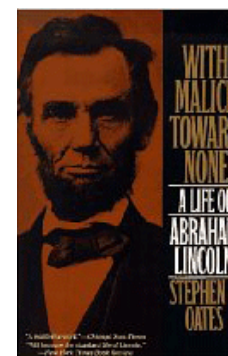
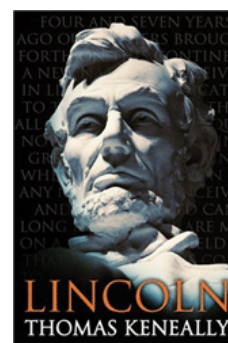
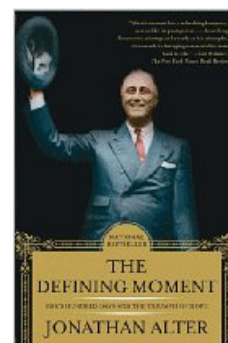
Maney, Patrick J. (1992). *The Roosevelt presence: a biography of Franklin Delano Roosevelt*. New York: Twayne Publishers. (E807 .M27 1992)

Marks, Frederick W. (1988). *Wind over sand: the diplomacy of Franklin Roosevelt*. Athens: University of Georgia Press. (E806 .M38 1988)

McJimsey, George T. (2000). *The presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas. (E806 .M46 2000)

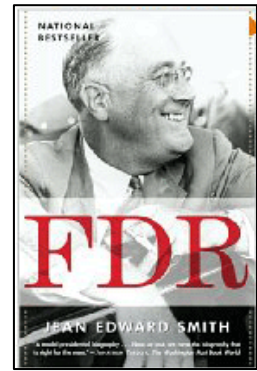
Miller, William Lee. (2002). *Lincoln's virtues: an ethical biography*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf. (E457 .2 .M643 2002)

Morgan, Ted. (1985). *FDR: a biography*. New York: Simon and Schuster. (E807 .M75 1985)



¹ Rich, Motoko. (2008, November 17). "For Books, Is Obama New Oprah?" Retrieved November 18, 2008, from the *New York Times* web site: <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/11/18/books/18book.html?th&emc=th>.

- Oates, Stephen B. (1977). *With malice toward none: the life of Abraham Lincoln*. New York: Harper & Row. (E457 .O17 1977)
- Renshaw, Patrick. (2004). *Franklin D. Roosevelt*. New York: Longman. (E807 .R46 2004)
- Romasco, Albert U. (1983). *The politics of recovery: Roosevelt's New Deal*. New York: Oxford University Press. (HC106.3 .R578 1983)
- Sargent, James E. (1981). *Roosevelt and the Hundred Days: struggle for the early New Deal*. New York: Garland Pub. (E806 .S29 1981)
- Shenk, Joshua Wolf. (2005). *Lincoln's melancholy: how depression challenged a president and fueled his greatness*. Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. (E457.2 .S47 2005)
- Smith, Jean Edward. (2007). *FDR*. New York: Random House. (E807 .S58 2007)
- Thomas, Benjamin Platt. (2002). *"Lincoln's humor" and other essays*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press. (E457.8 .T44 2002)
- Tugwell, Rexford G. (1977). *Roosevelt's revolution: the first year, a personal perspective*. New York: Macmillan. (E806 .T83)
- White, Ronald C. (2005). *The eloquent president: a portrait of Lincoln through his words*. New York: Random House. (E457.2 .W6155 2005)



"This unusual combination of being underestimated yet well seasoned, calculating yet intuitive, would help FDR's grand debut in 1933. It was if he had been preparing for a life in the theater: the theater of the modern presidency, with its emphasis on dramatic entrances, perfect timing, and an instinct for performance."

-- Alter, Jonathan. *The Defining Moment*, p. 12

"Outside of Illinois people knew little about him. Even newspapers were reticent about his life and background. All most could say was that he hailed from Illinois, that he had served a single term in Congress and had lost a bitter Senate contest to Stephen A. Douglas a couple of years before. And now, in the summer of 1860, he was the Republican candidate for President of the United States in what promised to be the most combustible election the Union had ever known. ... 'There are thousands who do not yet know Abraham Lincoln,' said Horace Greeley of the New York Tribune ..."

-- Oates, Stephen B. *With Malice Toward None*, p. 3

Updated Library Phone List: VOIP Direct Numbers		
Staff Names	Telephone (942-####)	New VOIP Numbers (486-####)
Aguero, Diana	2051	6541
Allan, Mark	2511	6535
Alexander, Margaret	2051	6531
Campbell, Suzanne	2164	6553
Davila, Sylvia	2312	6529
Fortin, Maurice	2222	
Haney, Irma	2313	6539
Hummingbird, Gloria	2312	6533
Mahaffey, Lindsey	2051	6523
Mathews, Carol	2164	6542
Noe, Reiley	2512	6527
Olson, Nancy	2222	6552
Ott, Lynette	2312	6532
Paschal, Janetta	2300	6530
Ramos, Veronica	2312	6526
Reynolds, Dia	2222	6521
Richardson, Shirley	2222	6525
Skaggs, Angela	2051	6524
Sturgeon, Carina	2312	6528
Sturm, Shannon	2164	6555
Ward, Antonella	2313	6540
Weber, Sharon	2154	6551
Wilson, Roselee	2051	6549
Departments	Telephone (942-####)	New VOIP Numbers (486-####)
Acquisitions	2312	6528, 6533
Access Services	2051	6524
Cataloging	2222	6525, 6526, 6529
Circulation	2051	6523, 6531, 6541, 6549
Director	2222	
Fax	2198	
Fines	2051	6523
Government Documents	2511, 2512	6527, 6535, 6552
Interlibrary Loan	2154	6551
Multimedia Support	2313	6540
Media Collection	2313	6539
Reference Desk	2141	6534
Serials	2312	6532
Technical Services	2300	6530
West Texas Collection	2164	
West Texas Collection (Fax)	2790	
Resident Scholar's Office	2164	6554
Fire Alarm Line	2798	

Interesting Quotations about Libraries, Books, and Electronic Resources ...

"Electronic enterprises come and go. Research libraries last for centuries. Better to fortify them than to declare them obsolete, because obsolescence is built into the electronic media."

— Darnton, Robert. (2008, June 12). "The Library in the New Age."
The New York Review of Books, 55(10). Retrieved Nov. 19, 2008, from
The New York Review of Books web site: <http://www.nybooks.com/articles/21514>

"Bits become degraded over time. Documents may get lost in cyberspace, owing to the obsolescence of the medium in which they are encoded. Hardware and software become extinct at a distressing rate. Unless the vexatious problem of digital preservation is solved, all texts 'born digital' belong to an endangered species. The obsession with developing new media has inhibited efforts to preserve the old ... Nothing preserves texts better than ink imbedded in paper, especially paper manufactured before the nineteenth century, except texts written on parchment or engraved in stone. The best preservation system ever invented was the old-fashioned, pre-modern book."

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"Books also give off special smells. According to a recent survey of French students, 43 percent consider smell to be one of the most important qualities of printed books—so important that they resist buying odorless electronic books. CaféScribe, a French on-line publisher, is trying to counteract that reaction by giving its customers a sticker that will give off a fusty, bookish smell when it is attached to their computers."

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Jenny Calendar: Honestly, what is it about them that bothers you so much?

Giles: The smell.

Jenny Calendar: Computers don't smell, Rupert.

Giles: I know. Smell is the most powerful trigger to the memory there is. A certain flower, or a-a whiff of smoke can bring up experiences long forgotten. Books smell musty and-and-and rich. The knowledge gained from a computer is a - it, uh, it has no-no texture, no-no context. It's-it's there and then it's gone. If it's to last, then-then the getting of knowledge should be, uh, tangible, it should be, um, smelly.

— from "Buffy the Vampire Slayer: I, Robot... You, Jane (#1.8)" (1997).
Retrieved Nov. 19, 2008, from The Internet Movie Database:
<http://www.imdb.com/character/ch0004927/quotes>